

WELCOME TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE



Fellow Texans:

The Texas General Land Office is the oldest state agency. I am honored that the citizens of Texas have entrusted me to lead such a diverse organization with such a positive mission.

Our staff is highly talented, with archeologists, geologists, administrators, engineers and archivists. No other agency is so diverse—or so cost effective.

The Texas General Land Office is the only state agency that earns far more than it spends. Through mineral leases, prudent investment in real estate and sound financial planning, this agency earned \$580 million for public education in 2009—all on a budget of \$59 million. That's the way government should work.

Sincerely,

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JERRY PATTERSON
Commissioner, Texas General Land Office
Chairman, Texas Veterans Land Board
Lt Col USMCR, retired

WHAT WE DO

- Fund the Permanent School Fund through prudent management of Texas' mineral and real property assets.
- Serve as steward of the Texas coast through coastal management funding and programs.
- Preserve and promote state history while working to conserve the documents of the Land Office Archives.
- Work to develop wind, solar and geothermal energy projects that are sound investments and promote healthy environmental policies.
- Provide Texas veterans benefits through the Texas Veterans Land Board, including low-interest home and land loans, veterans nursing homes and cemeteries.



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MANAGING STATE LAND

- ★ Manages 13 million acres of state mineral, surface and submerged lands for the benefit of the Permanent School Fund.
- ★ Earned \$580 million in 2009 for Texas schools by collecting royalties on oil, gas and other mineral assets, as well as through real estate investments.
- ★ Deposited \$11.7 billion in the Permanent School Fund since 1876.

CARING FOR THE COAST

- ★ Promotes responsible development and environmental stewardship along 367 miles of Texas Gulf Coast.
- ★ Responsible for oil spill prevention and response all along the Texas coast.
- ★ Assists coastal communities in fighting coastal erosion.

SERVING TEXAS VETERANS

- ★ Serves over 1.7 million Texas veterans with land, home and home improvement loans, veterans homes and veterans cemeteries.
- ★ Funded \$4.6 billion in veterans home loans since 2003 and \$9 billion in overall veterans loans since 1983.

A HOME FOR HISTORY

- ★ Archives contain 35 million historic maps and documents, some over 300 years old.
- ★ Save Texas History program works to preserve and promote historic documents and the history they represent.

How Can We Help?

Land Sales or Leasing

512.475.1427

Veterans Benefits

1.800.252.VETS (8387)

www.texasveterans.com

Buy Historic Maps

512.463.5277

www.savetexashistory.org

Beach Cleanups

1.877.TXCOAST (892.6278)

www.texasadoptabeach.org

Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases

512.475.1427

Coastal Issues

512.475.0773

www.texascoastalconnection.com

Renewable Energy

512.936.1962

Report an Oil Spill

1.800.832.8224

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